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SUBJE: ROKG CONFRONTS JAPANESE PRESS

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1. NEWSPAPERS REPORT THAT KOREAN OVERSEAS INFORMATION SERVICE (KOIS) DIRECTOR HAN NAM-SOK MET WITH ELEVEN JAPANESE REPORTERS JANUARY 10 AND READ A STATEMENT EXPRESSING REGRET THAT JAPANESE NEWSPAPERS HAD "SLANDERED" KOREAN POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS AND "DEFAMED" PRESIDENT PARK. HAN REPORTEDLY WARNED THAT FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS WHO VIOLATE EMERGENCY MEASURES COULD BE SUBJECT TO LEGAL SANCTIONS AND OFFENDING PUBLICATIONS COULD BE BANNED. MEETING FOLLOWED STATEMENT BY INFORMATION MINISTER YUN CHU-YONG JANUARY 8 THAT EMERGENCY MEASURES (INCLUDING ARTICLE FOUR OF EMERGENCY MEASURES NO. 1 WHICH FORBIDS REPORTS OF WORDS AND DEEDS AGAINST YUSHIN CONSTITUTION) WOULD BE APPLIED AGAINST FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS. JAPANESE REPORTERS HAD SUBMITTED A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION OF MINISTER'S STATEMENT.

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2. IMMEDIATELY AFTER HAN'S MEETING WITH

JAPANESE REPORTERS, FOREIGN MINISTER KIM TONG-CHO  
SUMMONED JAPANESE AMBASSADOR USHIROKU AND  
APPEALED FOR "FAIR REPORTING" ALONG SAME LINES.

3. LATER, JAPANESE REPORTERS CALLED ON JAPANESE  
AMBASSADOR TO REQUEST GOOD OFFICES IN SEEKING  
CLARIFICATION AND MODIFICATION OF INFORMATION  
MINISTRY RULING. USHIROKU REQUESTED  
INSTRUCTIONS FROM TOKYO. JAPANESE EMBASSY  
OFFICIAL INFORMS THAT NONE YET RECEIVED.

4. JAPANESE EMBASSY OFFICER SHOWED EMBASSY  
SAMPLES OF JAPANESE PRESS REPORTING OF KOREAN  
EMERGENCY MEASURES AND ADDED HIS VIEW (SUPPORTED  
BY EXAMPLES) THAT REPORTS WERE NOT UNDULY CRITICAL.  
HE SURMISED THAT ROKG MOVE IS A RESPONSE TO ACCUMULATED  
IRRITATION WITH JAPANESE PRESS, RATHER THAN ANGER  
OVER REPORTING FROM SEOUL ON EMERGENCY MEASURES.  
HE ANTICIPATED THAT ROKG WOULD MAINTAIN TOUGH  
POSTURE, AS WOULD JAPANESE PRESS.  
HE FORESAW LITTLE LIKELIHOOD OF ARRESTS, BUT  
POSSIBILITY OF EXPULSIONS.

5. ACTING PAO'S MEETING WITH VICE MINISTER OF  
INFORMATION ON QUESTION OF FOREIGN NEWSMEN  
REPORTED REFTEL.  
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